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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

- 12. (New) A document retrieval method, comprising:
- a user's evaluation input step for inputting a user's evaluation of a document by designating a document retrieved in a document search conducted pursuant to a search condition;
- a search condition storage step for, when updating said search condition on the basis of said evaluation, storing a search condition before and after the update;
- a search result storage step for storing a search result based on the search condition before and after the update; and
- a search history storage step for storing information stored in said search condition storage step, information stored in said search result storage step, and said evaluation and an identifier of a document subjected to said evaluation by making a correspondence between them.
- 13. (New) A document retrieval method according to claim 12, further comprising an evaluation history display step for delivering a list of documents for which the user has inputted evaluations to evaluate said documents as desirable

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or undesirable in the past on the basis of the information stored in said search history storage step and said evaluations for said documents.

- 14. (New) A document retrieval method according to claim 12, further comprising a search result history display step for delivering a document delivered as a search result before said search condition is updated on the basis of said evaluation even after said search condition is updated, on the basis of the information stored in said search history storage step.
- (New) A document retrieval method according to claim 13, further comprising a search condition restoration step for restoring, of the evaluation history delivered in said evaluation history display step, a search condition before a desired evaluation is inputted.
- (New) A document retrieval method according to claim 13, further comprising a search condition update step for inputting an evaluation to evaluate a document delivered in said evaluation history display step as desirable or

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undesirable and updating said search condition on the basis of said evaluation input in said search condition update step.

- 17. (New) A document retrieval method according to claim 13, further comprising a user evaluation erase step for erasing a desired one of said evaluations as to desirability or undesirability inputted by the user in said evaluation history display step, in accordance with a request from the user, and updating the search condition to the state available when said evaluation is not made.
- (New) A document retrieval method according to claim 14, further comprising a search condition update step for causing the user to input an evaluation to evaluate the document delivered in said search result history display step as desirable or undesirable so as to update said search condition on the basis of said evaluation input of said search condition update step.
- (New) A document retrieval method according to claim 18, further comprising a user evaluation erase step for erasing a desired evaluation as to desirability or undesirability inputted by the user and delivered in said

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search result history display step, in accordance with a request from the user and updating weights of strings in the search condition to the state available when said evaluation is not made.

- 20. (New) A document retrieval method according to claim 12, wherein a user's evaluation for a search result document is inputted in accordance with a method for setting one or more evaluation grades, the search condition includes weights assigned to strings and the weight of a string is updated in accordance with a method for setting the degree of change in many grades pursuant to said evaluation.
- 21. (New) A document retrieval system, comprising: a user's evaluation input step for inputting a user's evaluation of a document by designating a document retrieved in a document search conducted pursuant to a search condition;

search condition storage means for storing, when said search condition is updated on the basis of said evaluation, a search condition before and after the update;

search result storage means for storing a search result based on the search condition before and after the update; and

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search history storage means for storing information stored by said search condition storage means, information stored by said search result storage means, and said evaluation and an identifier of a document subjected to said evaluation by making a correspondence between them.

22. (New) A computer-readable recording medium storing a document retrieval program which, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a document retrieval method comprising:

a user's evaluation input step for inputting a user's evaluation of a document by designating a document retrieved in a document search conducted pursuant to a search condition;

a search condition storage step for storing, when updating said search condition on the basis of said evaluation, a search condition before and after the update;

a search result storage step for storing a search result based on the search condition before and after the update; and a search history storage step for storing information stored in said search condition storage step, information stored in said search result storage step, and said evaluation and an identifier of a document subjected to said evaluation by making a correspondence between them.